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Applicant: Michael J. Wiener et al.  
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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING UPDATED ENCRYPTION KEY  
PAIRS AND DIGITAL SIGNATURE KEY PAIRS IN A PUBLIC KEY SYSTEM

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 1, 2000 regarding the  
above-captioned patent application, the Applicants hereby respectfully submit the  
following response.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

In response to Applicants' arguments, the Office Action indicates that the claim  
language does not support the conclusion that with Applicants' system the user does not  
select the expiry time of the public/private key pair. Applicants respectfully disagree.  
Applicants' claims, for example Claim 1, specifically require that the multi-client  
manager unit, namely, a suitably programmed certification authority or other suitable  
trust authority (see, e.g., Specification, page 4, ll. 15-17) provides the selectable digital  
signature expiry data including at least public verification key expiry data, and selectable

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